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Many Signs Point to the Increasing Desire of the Farmers of Other Provinces to Adopt U.F.A. Plan of Organization

Increasing Success of the United Farmers of Alberta in Election After Election Leading Farmers Elsewhere
to an Understanding of the Merits and Efficiency of Citizenship Group Organization as Opposed to
Partyism—United Farmers of Ontario Building on Sound Foundation

By WM. IRVINE, M.P.

The U. F. A. organization received considerable attention after the great political victory in 1921 because for the first time both old parties were completely routed. Today the U. F. A. is the subject of a good deal of comment, for the reason that it has repeated in four successive elections what it did when it first broke the spell of partyism.

CONSTERNATION AMONG PARTY POLITICIANS

People of other Provinces, and especially the party politicians, are asking, "How did they do it?" And there are signs of consternation concerning the elements of stability and permanence which are apparent in the U. F. A. movement.

The speculations in 1921, East and West, were to the effect that the United Farmers' political success was a mere flash in the pan—a political accident—caused by the psychological reaction to the storm of war. It was generally predicted and confidently hoped that subsequent elections would witness the failure of agrarian ambitions politically. It is to be regretted that in some of the Provinces these predictions were to some extent correct, and hence the speculation over the continued successes of the U. F. A.

FACTORS MAKING FOR U. F. A. STABILITY

In making a comparison between the U. F. A. and the Farmer organizations in other Provinces, I do so for the purpose of study merely, and not under the assumption that the U. F. A. is better than the others. It is too early even at this stage to come to final conclusions in matters of this kind. However, since people of other Provinces are constantly turning for information regarding the U. F. A., and since our movement has been successful in electing its representa-

Contrasting the strength displayed by the U. F. A. in the recent Federal election, when its success surpassed all previous records, with the disintegration of the Progressive party, William Irvine, M.P., in the following article, declares that the U. F. A.'s stability is due to the staunch adherence of the membership to the economic basis of organization.

It was pointed out by the Farmers' Sun of Toronto, in a recent issue, that the U. F. O. elected two members to the Federal House. These members were improperly described in the press as members of the Progressive party. The Farmers' Sun suggests that the two U. F. O. members are in a position to co-operate with U. F. A. members, and that the eleven U. F. A. and the two U. F. O. members combined would form the third largest group in the House of Commons, the remnant of the Progressive party, which is not organized on the citizenship group basis, and the so-called "Liberal-Progressives", coming some distance behind.

Mr. Irvine makes a strong appeal to the U. F. A. membership to employ the time between the conclusion of the year and the end of the year, in a vigorous drive to bring the organization up to strength, and so to prepare for future tasks.

tatives in five elections while other Provinces have in large measure failed, it might not be out of place to emphasize what appear to be the essential points making for stability in the U. F. A.

The first step was the deep conviction that solidarity or unity among farmers was necessary before any relief from unfair economic burdens was possible. The individualism peculiar to homesteaders and farmers of the last generation made this step a difficult one to take, but at last the conviction became general.

"What is to be the basis of our unity or solidarity?" was the next question. It would

have been easy to form an organization for the purpose of getting say a certain price for any one product, or for any one of a dozen other proposals. But such an organization obviously could not last any longer than the task for which the organization came into being lasted. Therefore it was conceived that the economic interest of agriculture, whatever that might be at any given moment, should be the basis of organization. In this way the organization would have a stable basis, for the basis would be there just as long as economic interest remained.

ECONOMIC BASIS ACCOUNTS FOR STABILITY

This point of economic interest was only accounts for the stability of the U. F. A. politically, but it marks the outstanding difference between the U. F. A. and any other Farmers' organization so far attempted.

While the Farmers in other Provinces agreed on the importance of particular interest in the economic field, they or their leaders drew a sharp line between economics and politics. This distinction was in Alberta held as unscientific, a "hang over" of party politics, and almost
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WILLIAM IRVINE, M.P.



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A countersigned certificate signed by the Provincial Secretary, United Farmers of Alberta, also by the Local Secretary and the consignee, with complete information filled in, should also be attached to bill of lading. Farmers' seed grain freight certificates can be obtained from Central Office.

Carload shipments for distribution to a number of farmers may be consigned to the Local Secretary of the U. F. A., who must present Farmers' Seed Grain Certificates to cover the entire carload, signed by each farmer who is getting seed from the car.

GETTING A GRIP ON POLITICAL SITUATION

Editor, "The U. F. A.":

"The U. F. A." did splendid work during the Federal general election campaign. The farmers of Alberta seem to be getting a grip on the political situation, in spite of the effort to disorganize them by bringing on the election in harvest time.

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EDITORIAL

A WELCOME DECISION

We heartily welcome the decision of the Calgary Herald to give unqualified support to the U. F. A. resolution, to the effect that no Prime Minister shall be entitled to advise the Governor-General to dissolve Parliament without first obtaining the sanction of a majority of the House of Commons.

This decision was announced by the Herald in an editorial which appeared in its issue of October 19th. Although public reference was not made to the United Farmers of Alberta, it was in fact from the Calgary U. F. A. Conference. For to the last Federal general election that the proposal floated. Every U. F. A. Federal Constituency Association favored the resolution, and the U. F. A. was the only political organization which advanced, as an item in its program, a proposal in the furtherance of which the Herald now offers its assistance. In East Calgary, the U. F. A. resolution received the wholehearted support of the Labor party and the Labor candidate, Mr. Adair, who is a member of a new House of Commons.

The editorial in the Calgary newspaper was as follows:

Parliament is Supreme

Learning by experience is a dearly bought privilege of mankind. Only the fool fails to take advantage of and profit by the lessons experience brings.

The close of the last session of Parliament at Ottawa witnessed development of a state of affairs never contemplated as a possibility. Under our form of government popular conception places Parliament in a position of supremacy. Parliamentary supremacy was proven to be a mere myth when without adverse vote in the House and without any reference to the people's representatives, the Premier sought dissolution.

From Western Canada there was voiced a vigorous protest against any such disregard of the Parliamentary prerogative. Claim was made, and rightly, that there should be no dissolution of Parliament ahead of the dissolution period provided for in the Statutes, without a reference to Parliament itself, followed by a vote favorable to dissolution. In other words, that no Premier, either on his own or with the consent of his Cabinet, should presume to arrogate to himself a power or right which, under our scheme of government, should be exercised only by Parliament itself.

That a transfer of power such as this was possible in Canadian Parliamentary practice never seemed to have occurred to anyone. Experience has shown that it is possible and it now rests with Parliament, in the light of the lessons taught by experience, to insist upon such changes in regulations of Parliamentary procedure as will safeguard for all time its right of supremacy in this connection. The Herald believes that such safeguarding will meet with the approval of the country. It will tend to make our system of government more certain and more democratic.

The United Farmers of Alberta desire the support from every group and every party, for the vitally important constitutional reform proposed by the Calgary U. F. A. Conference. The adoption of this reform would mean the elimination of one of the worst abuses of the party system. It is eminently desirable that a resolution, embodying the U. F. A. proposal, should be adopted early in the lifetime of the new House of Commons.

TIME FOR CAUTION

As the U. F. A. Federal members are called upon to make decisions at Ottawa upon important questions affecting Canada's relationship with other parts of the world, the farmers of Alberta cannot escape a measure of responsibility in these matters. The role which Canada shall play in the future must have an important bearing upon the future of our industry. The Imperial conference now proceeding in London will have repercussions in Ottawa.

It is of interest, therefore, to note, that, according to a press despatch, the British Labor party at its recent conference adopted resolutions demanding the annulment of the Versailles treaty and the Dawes plan and the repudiation of the Locarno pact, and urged the adoption of a world policy of genuine disarmament.

The Labor party was recently in office in Great Britain, and doubtless will be again. When one of the greatest of British political organizations is definitely repudiating such instruments as the Locarno treaty, it would appear to be unwise for Canada, which had nothing to do with the framing of the pact, to commit herself to the obligations which endorsement would entail. We do not believe that the new Canadian House of Commons will tolerate any new commitments of this character. Premier King, who is now attending the Imperial conference, is, no doubt, fully aware of this.

THE SUSPICION
(Calgary Albertas)

One week ago dormant economic elements were injected into active Japanese politics by the organization of the Nippon Nominato or Agrarian party of Japan at a meeting of 800 delegates, representing 100,000 citizen tenants. Plans were made for an active campaign to unite Japan's 4,000,000 farmers in one new party, with the chief object of improving "the farmers' position, which at present is generally wretched." The suspicion is that H. W. Wood is behind it somewhere.

"SITTING PRETTY"
(Calgary Herald)

With the Prince Rupert Government elevator under control the Alberta Wheat Pool organization is sitting pretty these days. Rail embargoes on wheat shipments mean nothing to it.

H. W. Wood Now Recognized as Outstanding World Figure in Farmers' Movement, States Article Appearing in the U. S. Press

Article Sent Out by Officer of Department of Immigration and Colonization Gives Outline of President Wood's Association With Farmers' Movement of Canada, and Calls Attention to Mr. Wood's Long Record of Service to the Primary Producers—Discusses Objectives of Visit to Antipodes

Henry Wise Wood, a former American, now a successful farmer at Carstairs, Alberta, is now in Australia as a missionary from the Canadian Wheat Pool, the largest farmers' co-operative organization in the world. This visit is the outcome of the attendance of representatives of the Australian State Wheat Pools at the International Conference of Grain Growers held at St. Paul, Minnesota, last February.

RECOGNIZED AS OUTSTANDING PERSONALITY

Mr. Wood was at the conference as chairman of the Alberta Wheat Pool and Vice-president of the Canadian Co-operative Wheat Producers, Limited, which is the Central Selling Agency for the three Wheat Pools of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta. He was soon recognized as an outstanding personality, for that he is.

The Australian representatives determined not to go back to their country until they had received his promise to visit their country this year and address gatherings of farmers in the different Australian States with a view to bringing the organization of the Wheat Pools in that country into co-ordination, and establishing them on lines similar to those of the Canadian Wheat Pools. Before he returns to Canada some time in November he will visit New Zealand to address meetings of farmers there on the success that farmers' co-operative organizations are achieving in Canada.

H. W. Wood is the logical man to speak on the Canadian Wheat Pool, for to him is attributed most of the credit for bringing it into successful operation. It now has a membership of over 125,000 actual farmers of Western Canada controlling nearly 75 per cent. of the wheat acreage in the Provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, and is the largest farmers' co-operative organization in the world. This huge and successful enterprise, which is continuously increasing its membership and bringing more wheat acreage under its control, had its inception in Alberta in 1923 and spread to Saskatchewan and Manitoba the following year. The Canadian Pool will, it is estimated, handle over 200,000,000 bushels of wheat in 1936.

CONVINCED BY EXPERIENCE ON CANADA WHEAT BOARD

During the war H. W. Wood was a member of the Canada Wheat Board which was formed by the Canadian Government to stabilize prices and to insure a continuous supply of wheat for the Allies. His experience as a member of that board convinced him of the desirability of bringing into being a voluntary agency, owned and controlled by the growers of wheat, when the Wheat Board, formed and given power under a war measure act of the Canadian Parliament could no longer function following the signing of the Peace Treaty.

The article printed on this page was written by Fred James, Assistant Director of Publicity for the Department of Immigration and Colonization, Ottawa, and furnished by him to the Kansas (Missouri) Star, and later to other newspapers in the United States.

The writer pays a high tribute to the services rendered by President Wood to the primary producers of Canada, and points out that he is now engaged in an enterprise of significance and vital importance to the wheat growers of all parts of the world. Mr. James states: "H. W. Wood is now a world figure in the farmers' movement for political and commercial organization, which he believes are established, so far as Canada is concerned, on the true basis of democratic and economic class organization, and are now sufficiently strong to withstand the power of hostile criticism from without and any shortsightedness from within."

President Wood is now en route home from the Antipodes, on the S.S. Niagara, and will land at Vancouver on November 15th.

Ever since Mr. Wood first came to Alberta in 1905 from Halle County, Missouri, where he was born on May 31st, 1880, he has been active in the field of democratic farmers' movements. Even in his native state he had been a personality in the Farmers' and Laborers' Union of Missouri. At that time such organizations were regarded by many as being impracticable, but Wood never doubted that if he lived he would see them successfully organized, not only across the North American continent, but in other countries of the world. How correct he was in his belief is abundantly apparent, and his present visit to Australia may be taken as an additional evidence.

WORLD FIGURE IN FARMERS' MOVEMENT

Mr. Wood landed in Alberta with little capital and took up a quarter section of 160 acres at Carstairs. He has extended his farm to 360 acres on which he has a good home and a full line of equipment. He is a man of good sound education, for after leaving the rural public school of his native county, he attended a private school at Monroe City, Mo., and Christian University, Canton, Mo. Soon after his arrival in Alberta he began to interest himself in the farmers' organization movement in that Province. He urged the importance of farmers associating themselves in the field of democratic political action. The first organization formed in Alberta with this end in view was the

United Farmers of Alberta, of which he was elected a director in 1914. The following year he was the choice for the vice-presidency of the U. F. A., and in 1916 he was voted into the office of President by an overwhelming majority. Since then he has been one of the outstanding leaders and counsellors among the farmers not only of Alberta, but throughout Western Canada. H. W. Wood is now a world figure in the farmers' movement for political and commercial organization, which he believes are established, so far as Canada is concerned, on the true basis of democratic and economic class organization and are now sufficiently strong to withstand the power of hostile opposition from without and any shortsightedness from within.

"Mr. Wood is accompanied on his mission in Australia and New Zealand by George W. Robertson, Secretary of the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool.

Another director of the Alberta Wheat Pool is now in the Argentine Republic on the invitation of representatives of farmers' unions of that country to fulfil a similar mission to that which Wood and Robertson are carrying out on the other side of the Pacific. The United States, Australia and the Argentine evidently realize that the Canadian Wheat Pools, combined for marketing purposes through their Central Selling Agency, have become one of the most powerful business enterprises in the world. And in European countries too, the Wheat Pool of Western Canada is taken as the best example of successful grain marketing.

A LINCOLN STORY

A capital story of Lincoln's early political life is told in John Wesley Hill's book, "Abraham Lincoln, Man of God."

It seems that in 1846, during a canvass for Congress, Lincoln attended a preaching service of Peter Cartwright's. Cartwright called on all desiring to go to heaven to stand. All arose but Lincoln.

Then he asked all to rise who did not want to go to hell. Lincoln remained still seated.

"I am surprised," said Cartwright, "to see Abe Lincoln sitting back there unmoved by these appeals. If Mr. Lincoln does not want to go to heaven and does not want to escape hell, perhaps he will tell us where he does want to go."

Lincoln slowly arose and replied, "I am going to Congress."

TOO LATE

Der Gots (Vienna)

A man appeared at a police station and said:

"Oh, in regard to the watch which I reported was stolen yesterday, I have since found that it is not lost at all."

"You are too late," replied the superintendent, "the thief has been arrested."

Impressions of British West Indies Are Given by W. J. Jackman in First Series of Articles

Wheat Pool Director en Route to Argentina in Behalf of Pool Benefactor Bowden, First Part of Call on Outward Voyage

ON BOARD S.S. VOLTAINA AT SEA, Sept. 2.—Our first port of call was Barbados, in the British West Indies, a very interesting place. The people of the island, although negroes, say they "are English, and have always been English!" They seem to have a feeling of superiority over the colonies of other nations, which is rather quaintly amusing.

The place looks very beautiful from the sea, with the white buildings in their dark green setting of tropical foliage, though the huge iron wireless towers sticking into the sky from amongst the palm trees have an appearance of incongruity. There and the motor cars and buses which thread the narrow streets are about the only modern touch.

DETAIN PICTURESQUE SCHOONERS OF TRADITION

There are hardly any motor boats in the harbor. I saw only two. All the inter-island trading is still done in the traditional schooners, which are very picturesque, with their huge spreads of white sails gleaming in the bright sunshine over the dark blue sea. Quite a contrast to our harbor of Vancouver, where a windjammer is now rarely seen and the size and smell of motor boats are insistent.

Ocean steamers cannot berth at the wharves at Barbados for lack of depth of water, so they have to anchor half a mile or so out, and cargoes are then transferred by means of scows or barges, which look like the original Ark with the life off. They are very heavy and substantial, built to last for all time. They are propelled by huge oars or sweeps, such as one can imagine were used in the ancient slave galleys. One negro pulls in each oar, and another behind another pulling on a rope attached to the oar. It is slow, laborious work, but in course of time they get there.

UNLOADING CARGO OF CANADIAN FLOUR

Only four steamers were in the harbor, our own and another liner, a German collier, whose ugliness was almost hidden by the clouds of coal dust as it discharged its cargo, and a fourth which was a sight to gladden an Albatross. It was a C. M. M. boat, the "Canadian Gunter," unloading a cargo of Western Canadian flour of a well known brand and Gloria rolled oats, and taking on a return cargo of molasses each barrel bearing the familiar brand of a large Canadian mail order house.

Ashore, I think I saw the ugliest donkeys in the world. They are just about one size bigger than the goats, and they draw seemingly enormous loads in their little two-wheeled carts. Watch them, you get the feeling that if the cart slipped back a few inches, the cart would tip and the donkey find himself hanging from the shafts way up in the air. The donkeys seem to have the same feeling, and invariably carry their long legs as far forward and downward as

A series of brief articles, describing his visit to the Argentine, will be contributed to "The U. P. A." by W. J. Jackman, who is visiting the Argentine in behalf of the Canadian Wheat Pools. The first of the series, written on the outward voyage, is printed below.

possible so as to provide every last ounce of counterbalance. This gives them an appearance of woful dejection, which nothing else in Barbados shares.

Half the women you see in the streets are carrying loads on their heads, baskets of fruits and vegetables, or jars of liquids. Balancing their loads gives them an erect and graceful carriage, and they mostly look bright and cheerful. It is their job and they don't seem to worry about it.

LARGEST STORE IS CO-OPERATIVE

Quite the largest store I saw was a co-operative store, which apparently handled everything likely to be in demand.

The streets are extremely narrow and tortuous, likewise smelly! A sickly sweet odor of molasses, with the help of an occasional whiff of rum, seems to be eternally struggling to conceal more pungent perfumes from open drains and animal sources; and with a temperature around 100 in the shade as the morning wore on, the comparative coolness of the ship attracted me back on board, and I was content to spend the remainder of our brief stay watching the natives who crowded around in their boats, eager to dive for coins thrown into the water by the passengers.

One of the cleverest of them wore a "one-piece bathing suit" made from a sack very plainly branded "Plump Canadian Oats." Unfortunately any advertising value this might have had was discounted by the fact that the wearer was about the scrawniest specimen of the lot.

—W. J. JACKMAN.

Bowden Local of the Livestock Pool Did Large Business in Its First Year

Handled Livestock for Farmers to Total of \$289,167, at a Handling Cost of Less Than 6 per Cent.

The Alberta Co-operative Livestock Producers' Ltd., Olds, Bowden Local, have just finished their first year's business, and find that they have handled livestock for the farmers of this vicinity to the amount of \$289,167.06, at a handling cost of less than 6 per cent, which per cent, covers the total cost of marketing the livestock.

In this first year that the farmers have been shipping their own livestock they have been paid by the packers for

436 select hams and 288 improved thick smooth hogs.

Cattle have also been sold through the Pool at a minimum of expense. The farmers have the satisfaction of knowing their cattle have netted them the full market value, according to the grades they have produced.

The men, who by their loyalty and spirit of co-operation, have made possible the success of their local Pool, have not only benefited themselves, but also their neighbors, who yet remain to be convinced that their future prosperity lies in the co-operative movement of handling their own produce.

Nine cars of cattle and hogs, totalling \$11,800, were shipped from Olds, Bowden and Innisfail the week of Sept. 27th—4 cars of cattle numbering 264 head, and 3 cars of hogs numbering 347 head, comprised the shipment.

Four cars of cattle and 32 hogs made up the shipment from the Innisfail branch of the Olds-Bowden Local. This was the initial shipment from that point and speaks well for the co-operative spirit in that vicinity.

Welcomes Decision to Teach Co-operative Marketing Elements

Progressive Step at Olds School of Agriculture

A recent letter from H. R. Ellis, of Gleichen, congratulates the people of Alberta on the announcement that Co-operative Marketing is to be taught in the Olds Agricultural College. In the past, he says, the service of the agricultural colleges led to an assured abundance of all edibles and wearables. Only one thing was lacking, the means to "sell that which thou hast." And now, by the addition of this new subject to the curriculum, assistance will be given here also.

THE BRITISH LABOR PARTY AND THE FARMER

"Special attention has been given to the question of marketing, which is declared to be just as important as the change in ownership," states a report recently issued by the British Labor movement, outlining the policy of Labor towards agriculture.

After describing the benefits accruing from improved methods of marketing in other countries, the report states that the Labor Government in 1924 provided money on easy terms to be used for capital purposes by agricultural co-operative societies, and the Labor policy will be to continue to support agricultural co-operation wherever it can be developed by direct Government assistance or by financing. Labor will seek also to develop direct relations between the consumers' co-operative movement and the agricultural societies. It is particularly in the early processes of marketing that farmers' co-operation can be effective. It could stimulate the development of better methods of grading and packing fruit and vegetables and deal effectively with the collection and marketing of eggs and poultry. It is already making progress in the use of pig products and the manufacture of bacon, and could play a much larger part, as in Holland, Denmark and Estonia, in the manufacture and sale of dairy products.

NEWS FROM THE ALBERTA WHEAT POOL HEAD OFFICE

A Page of Information for Wheat Pool Members and Loans.

DISTRIBUTION OF ALBERTA WHEAT POOL PAYMENTS (per bushel) 1925 CROP

Below is a list of the various grades of wheat handled by the 1925-1926 Pool, which list comprises one hundred different grades. This is being sent to every member, whether he shipped wheat to the 1925-1926 Pool or not. It is a complete statement of the various payments and deductions and should be carefully preserved.

In order to arrive at the NET amount per bushel the grower received through the Pool for his 1925 crop, please follow these instructions:

(1) Locate in the "Grade" column the respective grade or grades which he shipped.

(2) Then from the figures set opposite that grade, in the last column to the right, deduct the local elevator charges

and the freight to Vancouver from the point at which the wheat was marketed, plus three-eighths of one cent per bushel (*) shown in the second last column to the right as "administrative expenses."

(3) In accordance with the instructions of the delegates to our last Annual Meeting, two cents per bushel was deducted for Elevator Reserve Fund. The amount so deducted is credited to each member according to the number of bushels he shipped to the 1925-1926 Pool. THIS IS NOT AN EXPENSE, but is actually an asset to the grower, and when a distribution of the Fund is made will be returned to him in the proportion in which it was contributed (See Clause 7 of the Members' Agreement). Interest at the rate of six per

cent is allowed to each member on his portion of this Fund.

(4) One-eighth of one cent per bushel was deducted and placed in our Commercial Reserve Fund, which Fund, under the contract, may be used for any of the purposes of the Association.

It is hoped this will serve to give you information which you would otherwise have to write to your Head Office to get; if so it will save both of us much trouble and expense. A careful study of the list will be well worth the time spent.

(*This was the total cost per bushel incurred by the Alberta Pool in the administration of last season's operations.)

THE ALBERTA CO-OPERATIVE WHEAT PRODUCERS, LIMITED.
(Other Wheat Pool News on Page 10)

GRADE	Local Elevator Charges	Freight to Vancouver	Administrative Expenses	Elevator Reserve Fund	Commercial Reserve Fund	Net Amount
1 st	100	20	20	2%	2	145
2 nd	97	20	20	2	2	141%
3 rd	92	20	20	2	2	136%
No. 4	82	20	20	2%	2	126%
No. 5	72	20	20	2%	2	116%
No. 6	62	20	20	1%	2	106%
Feed	57	20	20	1%	2	100%
Tf. 1	82	20	20	2	2	134%
Tf. 2	80	20	20	2	2	132%
Tf. 3	84	20	20	2	2	138%
Tf. 4	74	20	20	2%	2	118%
Tf. 5	64	20	20	2%	2	108%
Tf. 6	57	20	20	2	2	101%
Tf. Feed	48	20	20	1%	2	92%
Damp 1	83	20	20	2%	2	127%
Damp 2	80	20	20	2%	2	124%
Damp 3	78	20	20	2%	2	120%
Damp 4	65	20	20	2%	2	110%
Damp 5	54	20	20	2%	2	104%
Damp 6	48	20	20	2%	2	93%
Damp Feed	40	20	20	2%	2	85%
Security 1	86	20	20	2%	2	131%
Security 2	83	20	20	2%	2	128%
Security 3	78	20	20	2%	2	123%
Security 4	68	20	20	2%	2	113%
Security 5	58	20	20	2%	2	103%
Security 6	51	20	20	2%	2	95%
Ref. 1	89	20	20	2%	2	134%
Ref. 2	87	20	20	2	2	131%
Ref. 3	82	20	20	2	2	126%
Ref. 4	72	20	20	2%	2	116%
Ref. 5	62	20	20	2%	2	106%
Ref. 6	55	20	20	1%	2	98%
Tf. Sm. 1	78	20	20	2%	2	122%
Tf. Sm. 2	75	20	20	2%	2	119%
Tf. Sm. 3	70	20	20	2%	2	114%
Tf. Sm. 4	60	20	20	2%	2	104%
Tf. Sm. 5	50	20	20	2%	2	94%
Tf. Sm. 6	43	20	20	2%	2	87%
Tf. Ref. 1	82	20	20	2%	2	126%
Tf. Ref. 2	78	20	20	2%	2	122%
Tf. Ref. 3	74	20	20	2%	2	118%
Tf. Ref. 4	64	20	20	2%	2	108%
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Tf. Sm. Spg. 3	65	20	20	2%	2	109%
1 A.R.W.	86	20	20	2%	2	129%
2 A.R.W.	84	20	20	2%	2	126%
3 A.R.W.	87	20	20	2%	2	131%
No. 1 A.R.W.	81	20	20	2%	2	125%
Damp 3 A.R.W.	70	20	20	2%	2	115%
Spg. and A. Durum	76	20	20	2%	2	119%
Tf. 3 A.R.W.	78	20	20	2%	2	123%
Tf. 4 A.R.W.	69	20	20	2%	2	113%
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3 Dicklow	87	20	20	2%	2	131%
Tf. 2 Dicklow	84	20	20	2%	2	128%
Tf. 3 Dicklow	78	20	20	2%	2	123%
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Dried 2	92	20	20	2	2	138%
2 Mixed	55	20	20	2%	2	95%
3 Mixed	58	20	20	2%	2	98%
Dried 2 Mixed	55	20	20	2%	2	95%
Tf. 1 Mixed	52	20	20	2%	2	90%
Tf. 3 Mixed	47	20	20	2%	2	85%
Tf. 4 Mixed	42	20	20	2%	2	79%
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2 Durum and Spg.	70	20	20	2%	2	114%
Tf. 2 Durum and Spg.	62	20	20	2%	2	106%
Tf. 3 Durum and Spg.	62	20	20	2%	2	106%
Wheat and Rye	60	20	20	2%	2	100%
Tf. Wheat and Rye	52	20	20	2%	2	92%
Wheat, Barley, Oats	58	20	20	2%	2	98%
Tf. Ref. Xd. Htd. 3	54	20	20	2%	2	90%
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The U.F.W.A. and Junior Branch

The Advantages of University Week for Farm Young People

Being the Essay of the Winner of First Prize in the Recent Junior Contest

By ELYN CUNNINGHAM, Wilson Juniors, Lethbridge

Dear Juniors:

The Second Junior Essay Contest, based on "The Advantages of University Week for Farm Young People", has at last been brought to a successful close. Though the essays received were all of such a very high order, it proved more than difficult to pick the winners. However, the committee of judges compromised on three prizes instead of one, but even this left further excellent essays receiving no prizes.

Elyn Cunningham of the Wilson Juniors at Lethbridge carried off top honors, but was closely pressed by an essay under the name of the "Sunrise Juniors" of Strathmore, and also by one from Ruby Haybak of the Asker Juniors at Ponoka. Another essay vying with Miss Haybak's for honors was one from Miss Effie Gelin of the Lockhart Juniors.

Mr. Cunningham will receive \$2.00, the Sunrise Juniors \$1.00 and Miss Haybak \$1.00 in prizes.

Owing to the fact that so few of the Locals took advantage of the contest, another essay contest will not be held until at least eight Locals designate their willingness to compete. Mr. Smith, editor of "The U. F. A.", has kindly consented to print all three of the above essays, which all members of the Junior Branch will be keenly interested in reading.

Mr. Cunningham's essay is printed below. The others will appear in later issues.

LUCILE MacRAE,
Junior Branch Secretary.

The advantages of University Week are many and varied. Alberta farm young people yearly attend a short course at the University for a week, being sent there by the different Junior U. F. A. Locals.

First, we will say that there is an advantage to the Junior Local. It awakens new life in the Local, proving an interesting topic to all, and causing strangers to become interested. The whole group learns to get behind their delegate in spirit, and lastly the return report causes a new movement within the Local itself. There is a general interest aroused in young people everywhere.

Secondly, it is an advantage to the whole U. F. A. organization. It trains the young to be proud, and to love and respect the aims and ideals of the whole U. F. A., and plants a desire in their hearts to belong to a real live Local and not to a half dead one. It means a start on the road to good citizenship, to public service. It makes the largest and most important body of young people in the Province realize their importance, also that they have a duty as coming citizens.

It is an aid to the members of the staff of the University and Department of Education. It helps them to keep in touch with the farm young people everywhere; the boys and girls they are most

likely to overlook, the representatives of thousands who never go to college for want of a chance. It helps them to see the results of the public school system and see its faults and how far it meets the needs of our young people.

GREATEST ADVANTAGE TO DELEGATE HIMSELF

And perhaps the greatest advantage of all is to the young delegate himself. The delegate is sent to represent others.

Aims of the Junior U. F. A. Local

By EFFIE GELIN, Lockhart

The following is the first of a series of articles being prepared by the Junior officers and directors on various phases of Junior U. F. A. work.

Miss Effie Gelin, of Lockhart, member of the Junior Executive and Director for Wetaskiwin constituency, was the first to respond to the call sent out a short time ago to all the Junior officers asking for Junior contributions to "The U. F. A." It is hoped that each district will be represented adequately by the Directors, and we feel confident that Miss Gelin has set a very creditable example for the others to follow.—L. MacR.

The first aim of every Junior U. F. A. Local is to secure a large membership, then to create unity amongst the members, so that they may work together for the welfare of the community.

The second aim is the co-operation of Locals in order to extend the organization so as to completely represent the youthful farm population of the Province. This fulfills the aim of securing a healthy community spirit.

Each Junior Local aims to make each member conscious of his or her responsibility to the Local. It aims to make each Junior member realize the wonderful opportunities of life that lie before them, and seeks to stimulate their interest as well as assist in promoting the study of economics as a necessary preparation of life; bringing within the reach of each youth a knowledge of the business of agriculture.

Each Local aims not only to make each member realize his duty as a citizen, but aims to give the members social education as well. Many Locals have helped to fulfill this aim by sending representatives to the Convention held in Edmonton each year at the University.

The Locals aim to help rural education, lend their co-operation wherever needed in establishing of Municipal hospitals, libraries, etc.

The Junior U. F. A. Locals aim to oppose class domination, and to develop a

broader public spirit and public conscience, in regard to community and public interests, thus seeking to raise the standard of public life, and help make the next generation of Canada fit to hold its own in every walk of life.

Each Local aims to create a co-operative spirit with the Senior Local in their own community, and to follow the Seniors' ideals in connection with co-operative enterprises of marketing and handling all farming commodities.

Lastly all the Locals hope to fulfill the present aims of the Senior organization, so that when they attain to the position of Seniors, they may know and enjoy the three great superior aims of the Senior body, namely, "Better Farming—Better Business—Better Living."

PLEASE FURNISH NAME

We have received a letter from a correspondent in the Red Deer district (R. E. 4) signed "Down and Out." Will the writer please furnish us with his name, in order that we may communicate with him?

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Stabilization of World Wheat Prices to Large Extent in 1927 May Be Result of H.W. Wood's Visit to Australia, View of London Correspondent

Mark Lane Correspondent of Glasgow Herald Declares That Canadian Pool Representative in Australia Is One of the "Two Most Important Men in the Wheat Trade at the Present Time"—"Agreement of Two-fold Character" Proposed—Grain Trade Much Interested in President Wood's Tour

In the opinion of the British grain trade, as expressed by the Mark Lane correspondent of the Glasgow Herald, in the article which we print below, President Wood is one of the "two most important men in the wheat trade at the present moment", the other being the representative of the Australian Wheat Growers' organizations.

President Wood's visit to Australia in behalf of the Canadian Co-operative Wheat Producers, Ltd., has aroused interest throughout the world, in grain trade circles, and the Canadian representative referred to by the Mark Lane correspondent is undoubtedly "the Chief". The correspondent discusses the objects of the visit, and states that its success would mean the stabilization of wheat prices to a great extent for the first half of 1927.

The article, which was forwarded to us by John Mackenzie, who is well known to our readers as our special correspondent during the Provincial general election activities last summer, is as follows:

"The two most important men in the wheat trade at the present moment are enjoying the beauties of an Australian spring. A motor ride of a day shall take them through 100 miles of waving and beautiful greenery. It is not that of grass, for Australia is a

poor grass country for velders, but of wheat, which is of the fullest and healthiest green hue. Australia devotes seven times as many acres to wheat as does Great Britain. The two men represent by due and full obligation the wheat growers of 80 per cent. of the Canadian acreage and of perhaps as much of the Australian. But the Australian news is the less definite. At any rate they are empowered to arrange, if they see fit, for the pricing of wheat that on the markets of the consuming countries should realize at least one hundred millions sterling (\$500,000,000). The Canadian delegate has gone to Australia to try and arrange what is called for brevity a Pool, but is in reality an agreement of a twofold character, the first clause arranging that the white wheat of the Antipodes and the red wheat of the Alberta prairies should be in due correlative supply to meet millers' needs in Europe, including Great Britain, and the second fixing prices below which the wheat growers agree not to sell. If the Pool be actually arranged wheat prices should be to a great extent stabilized for the first half of 1927. Argentina, however, remains the dark horse of the Wheat Stake."

News From the Alberta Poultry Pool Head Office

See That Your Hens Are Well Housed in Winter--How to Get Best Results

By E. C. McDANIEL, President Alberta Poultry Pool

This is about the time of year when most people who have a flock of hens begin to wonder what to do with them for the winter. Admitting that it is a little late to begin planning for the housing of the chickens and that before harvest is the right time, yet we must deal with conditions as they are, not as they ought to be.

NOTHING WILL SO WELL REPAY EXPENSE

In the opinion of the writer there is nothing on the farm that will so well repay the trouble and expense involved as will laying hens, but to make money from hens they must be induced to lay, and that will not happen unless the hens are kept healthy. Hens to be healthy must be housed in a well lighted and well ventilated place, and they must be properly fed and kept clean too. If they lay eggs

it will be because they are fed a ration that will make eggs.

To be well housed means a house that is draught-proof. A single ply of boards for the walls, if fairly solid and covered with good tar paper, will keep out draughts, and if lath or strips of some kind are nailed over the studding and rafters inside and stuffed with straw, the house will be all right if it is backed up well for a couple of feet. The house should be large enough to provide not less than three square feet floor space per hen. Thus a house 16x20 feet would be none too large for 100 hens; 12x20 feet for 200, etc.

Don't make the house too narrow nor too low. Facing the south is best, with a row of windows across the front about two and a half feet bottom from the ground. Four lights, 18x10 inch glass is about the cheapest. Then cover windows

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Have the house all covered tightly and lined inside except windows and ventilators, and then keep it clean. Put perches on the level, not like stair steps. Have dropping boards under the perches so that droppings may be removed easily and frequently. Keep six to ten inches of straw on the floor, according to whether you have big chickens or little ones. Change this straw for fresh once a week or so. Then feed right and if you provide clean nests you will find clean eggs in them.

If you have hens from head-to-tail stock you will find lots of eggs. If you have any old kind of hens you may find some but not so many, nor such nice ones. Eggs are generally high in winter, but you have to feed to get them. Next issue the writer will say something about feeds.

Owing to the unsettled weather conditions you have no doubt been thinking more of breaking than shipping poultry. The time is here, however, when this must be dealt with.

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KNOW WHAT THEY WANT

"Congratulations to all at headquarters and our directors on the results of the Federal elections. It begins to look as if the rural population know what they want and are determined to carry on," writes Wm. J. Burdett, secretary of Tarradale Local. "This Local has been quiet for the last few months, apart from election activities. Our co-operative shipments of Henslock are still going out as fast as shipments can be made up. We hope during the winter months to go on being in full strength."

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Congratulations to U.F.A. From Idaho

Correspondent in Neighbor State Highly
Gratified by Election of Loyal Group
of Veterans to the Federal House

Congratulations on the success of the United Farmers of Alberta in the recent Federal general election have been received from readers of "The U. F. A." in California, Florida, Chicago, and from other distant points where the progress of our movement is being watched with close attention, and in some cases efforts are being made to inaugurate citizenship movements based upon similar principles to those of the U. F. A.

The most recent is from Melba, Idaho, in the form of a letter to H. E. Spencer, M.P. for Battle River. The writer, J. P. Swaney, says:

**SPECIAL PLACE OF
U. F. A. AT OTTAWA**

Although you may be a very busy man, as one in your position is very likely to be, I am sure you will gladly spare the moment necessary to receive from an old acquaintance congratulations over your success. Through "The U. F. A." paper I have been following somewhat the activities of the organizations in which I was deeply interested during my stay in Alberta. Of especial interest has been the place the U. F. A. has acquired among the Dominion groups, as revealed in the political happenings at Ottawa. That the U. F. A. may carry on with almost the identical crown which first carried that standard in Ottawa; that this group is now one of veterans, experienced in the work to be done; that the loyalty of this group to the U. F. A. organization has remained firm—all these give me great satisfaction. Of special pleasure is my observation that you are able and permitted to continue marching forward with the group.

REPRESENTATION FOR AGRICULTURE

(Farmer's Sun, Toronto)

Little wonder that the farmer feels differently in correctly appraising the political situation when an agricultural journal, such as the Farm and Ranch Review, over the signature of its president and publisher, C. W. Peterson, has the temerity to remark upon the recent election: "The Progressives won a notable victory and so back to Parliament with increased strength." Considering that in the fifteenth Parliament the Progressives claimed 24 members, while in the new Parliament there are not more than seven who can be classed as Progressives, it is difficult to see where the "notable victory" comes in.

NO DOUBT IN MINDS OF ELECTORS

Referring to the U. F. A. group, which he pretends to believe is a "wing" of the Progressive party, Mr. Peterson feels it occupies a somewhat nondescript position in the present scheme of affairs although he only proceeds to assert that it occupies a somewhat nondescript position in his own mind. This is no fault of the U. F. A. Surely if there was one group in the recent election which made a sincere effort to leave no doubt in the minds of the electors as to where it stood, that group was the United Farmers of Alberta.

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On the one hand Alberta holds to the conservative view in politics as it has been in the past. It is not interested in the international use of organized force in the face of conflict between the real parties while on the other hand outside of Alberta the tendency is to

the present has been to form a new party disregarding economic organization. It has always been difficult for U. F. A. people to see how partyism can be operated by organizing another party. That this latter method is identical to the United Farmers' organization is beyond doubt. The U. F. A. had to drop this kind of political action in order to save the U. F. A. That the U. F. A. is stronger than ever by following the group idea is also a fact. The organizations concerned will study these facts and in the future will change policies accordingly.

FINDING FAVOR IN OTHER PROVINCES

There are many signs that the U. F. A. method and principle of organization are finding favor in other Provinces. I believe that if other Provinces adopt the U. F. A. method, that in future Parliaments partyism will count for much less than it does now and that agricultural economics will hold the place that it should hold in an agricultural country.

HOODS EVERY MEMBER TO DO HIS OR HER PART

In view of the conspicuous position of the U. F. A. in Canadian politics and also in view of the fact that other Provincial organizations are studying our methods, it behooves every member of the U. F. A. to play his or her part to the utmost. We must keep our organization at full strength and maintain a steady effort of education and organization. This is the time to put the organization in order for the year. Our membership increased 40 per cent. over last year up to the end of September. That was a good showing. Every effort should be put forth to maintain this record for the remaining months prior to the Annual Convention. Directors, Presidents and Secretaries of Locals should rally their membership forces immediately after threshing.

"WE WILL BREAK OUR SWORDS"

Perhaps a memorable day will come when a nation renowned in wars and victories, distinguished by the highest development of military order and intelligence, and accustomed to make the heaviest sacrifices for these objects, will voluntarily exclaim, "We will break our swords," and will destroy its whole military system, lock, stock and barrel. To make ourselves defenseless (after having been most strongly defended), from loftiness of sentiment is the means towards genuine peace. . . . The so-called armed peace that prevails at present in all countries is a sign of a bellicose disposition, that trusts neither itself nor its neighbor, and partly from fear, partly from fear, refuses to lay down its weapons. Better to perish than to hate and fear; and twice better to perish than to make oneself hated and feared.—From "Homo all too Human", by Frederick Nietzsche, the German philosopher.

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Pioneer Days in the Consumers' Co-operative Movement

The Conditions of England Before Co-operation Was Born

In this issue we will present a short history of the conditions under which the working classes in England were living during the first quarter of the eighteenth century.

AGE OF COTTAGE INDUSTRY

This was the age of "Cottage Industry." Spinning and weaving, England's chief industry, went on in the country. A spinning wheel was to be found in every cottage and farm house in the kingdom, a loom in every village. The home of the craftsman was also his workshop. Farmer and laborer in the country, master and journeyman in the town, worked and often lived side by side. The middle of the eighteenth century saw in England the rise of a wealthy class, with an accumulation of capital for investment. The small holdings of the peasant farmer were bought up by large landowners; the common fields of the villages were enclosed, and farming was reorganized on a comparatively large scale with improved implements and methods.

At this time there was a series of inventions in spinning and weaving. Then came the power loom, and improvements in machine manufacture, and in the steam engine. The cottager had no means to buy the machinery, nor could he have worked it in his home. Special buildings were required, factories were built and towns sprang up around them.

VICTORY DID NOT HELP THE WORKER

At this period England emerges victorious over France at Waterloo, but this did not help the worker. Landowners, millowners and merchants were making huge fortunes as food rose in price, in consequence of bad harvests and the almost prohibitive tariffs on foreign corn. This was the worst time in the whole history of English labor. In the country prices were abnormally high, wages were low, so low as to need, in most cases, to be supplemented from the poor-rates, and there were no longer the cottage industries to fall back upon. In factories the labor of men was often replaced by that of women and children at scanty wages. Indeed, pauper children, sold to all intents and purposes by the guardians of the poor, supplied the labor in many cases. These children worked 12, 14 and even more hours out of the 24 and were housed under conditions unwholesome alike to body and character.

The other workers, too, toiled for low wages under pitiable conditions, scarcely more tolerable than slavery, men, women and children alike being liable to tyranny and injustice, and kept at their tasks by threats and blows.

LITTLE PROTECTION OF HUMAN LIFE AND HEALTH

The laws did little or nothing to prohibit the destruction of women and children in the new factories, or to secure the elements of sanitation and health, or to prevent, such, at the same time for-

hade the workers combining to help themselves. We talk about "Dear Old England," but it is difficult to realize what England actually was for those who knew little of the old personal relations between man and man, and nothing at all of the social forces to come. Justice McCarthy, of 1810, in his "Epoch of Reform," wrote, "There were slaves in those days as well as the negro. To gauge the depth of the slavery one must regard some classic facts of the period through which the people were passing. In 1825 the chief constable of Huddersfield collected statistics, according to which the typical factory village of Shalkecliffe, near Huddersfield, then contained 563 families, or 1896 individuals, whose total earnings were £282 18s 3d weekly (\$1014.45), or 52 cents per head.

Four cents per day, reckoned over a period of six months of full work, was the average in a smaller village. Hand-loom weavers' wages in Bolton, which had been \$4.25 weekly in 1890, were \$1.12 in 1830.

In 1829 a census of 11,431 factory laborers discovered only 2,024 adult men and of the rest 18,416 were under 15 years of age. Factory hours were from 5:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Women in the coal pits, almost naked, were employed to drag trucks through low, wet galleries. Children worked underground from five years old, so hungry that occasionally they were known to eat the colliers' candles. Cholera broke out at Sunderland in 1831 and spread rapidly in the Midlands. In Bilston, with 14,492 people, there were 3,348 cases in seven weeks. Readers of the "Old Curiosity Shop" know the horror that the Black Country inspired in Dickens.

"The Lancashire and Yorkshire Co-operative" of 1932 tells how the editor, going home at two o'clock of a March morning, found a seven-year-old child sitting innocently by the gates of a factory. Her mother had no time-piece; and on the previous day the child had been beaten for being late.

CONDITIONS UNENDURABLE TO FREEDOM LOVING PEOPLE

These particulars broadly illustrate working class conditions during the first quarter of the century. It was a state that a people having free traditions could not endure.

Cobbett, Shaftesbury and Fiskien were beginning to work on behalf of the children. Robert Owen was one of the early leaders of the agitation for factory reform, and was instrumental in getting passed the Factory Act of 1819.

He seems to have understood what was happening to the people. Our next article will deal with, "The Life and Work of Robert Owen."

DEATH OF MRS. MARY SCHANG

We regret to record the death on October 15th of Mrs. Mary Schang, daughter of L. McKinnon, former director of the U. F. A. and pioneer farmer of the Delwood district. Mrs. Schang was

twenty-three years old, and had been married early in the present year. The funeral, held from her parents' home in Calgary, was very largely attended, many friends coming in from Delwood and other rural districts, while many members of the Calgary U. F. A. Local, of which Mr. McKinnon is a member, were also present. The pallbearers were Messrs. C. Armstrong, R. B. McKinnon, F. T. Thew, J. H. Dixon, L. C. Hiatt, and W. C. Winter.

Alberta Wheat Pool Decides to Create Educational Dept.

Andrew Cairns in Charge, Leonard B. Nesbitt in Charge of Publicity Branch—A. Babluk to Work Among Ukrainians

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Alberta Wheat Pool held in Calgary the week before last it was definitely decided to institute an Educational Department of the Pool, and Andrew Cairns, a Western Canadian who graduated at the University of Alberta and is at present a member of the faculty of the University of Minnesota, was appointed to take charge.

Mr. Cairns will take up his duties shortly after February 1st of next year. He has been specializing for some time past in agricultural economics, and has made an intensive study of the Co-operative Marketing Pools of the United States.

The Board appointed Leonard D. Nesbitt, at present editor and owner of the *Bassano Mail*, to take charge of the publicity branch of the Educational Department, and he will take up his duties in the near future. Mr. Nesbitt has been engaged in newspaper work in Alberta for many years past, where he has an established reputation, and is very widely known. He was president of the Alberta Press Association last year. The *Bassano Mail* has been edited with marked fairness and ability under his direction.

The Board of Directors at the recent meeting also appointed Adam Babluk, a teacher from the Vagreville district, to undertake work in the Ukrainian districts of the Province. Mr. Babluk is an undergraduate of the University of Vienna and knows the German, Ukrainian, Russian and Polish languages.

TREE PLANTING AND FRUIT GROWING

Editor, "The U. F. A."

Since my recent article on fruit growing was published in "The U. F. A.", I have received a great number of letters from all parts of the Province asking questions of various things connected with tree growing, which show that a large percentage of farmers and farm women are beginning to get interested and desire to make their surroundings homelike.

This winter, between freezing up and seeding, if weather permits, I intend to visit some of the best settled districts of Alberta.

On these trips I shall be willing to address meetings in school houses wherever there are enough interested to bring out a crowd. I shall touch on the following subjects: "The Shelter Belt", "Shrubs and Potentilla Flowers which can be Grown in Alberta", "Small Fruits, Apples, Plums and Crabapples, which experiments have proved can be safely grown in Alberta", "The Time to Plant and Where", "Mulching and Pollination", and other questions connected with fruit growing. Those interested should write me at once. I shall then lay out my own route and set my own dates.

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